Public Notice Proposed Issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. in East St. Louis

Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. has requested a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for air emissions from its recycling operations and municipal solid waste landfill including Waste Management's landfill gas to electricity generation operation, and soil bioremediation process and the aggregate crushing operations operated at the site by Surmeier and Surmeier, Inc. The facility is located at 601 Madison Road in East St. Louis. As a major source of air emissions, the company is required by the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act to obtain a Title V permit. The permit will be enforceable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the Illinois EPA. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. This permit may contain terms and conditions established pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act thereby making it a combined Title V and Title I permit. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permits.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, Title V, New). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 2, 2002. If sufficient interest is expressed in a permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.